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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/29/64

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY, CRYPTANALYSIS-TRANSLATION SECTION

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (65-951) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka.  
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ReBulet to El Paso dated 1/16/64.

Enclosed for the Cryptanalysis-Translation Section of the FBI Laboratory are twelve (12) photographs of negatives which were located in the property of RICHARD CASE NAGELL at the El Paso County Jail in El Paso, Texas, on 1/27/64.

It is noted that eleven (11) of the twelve photographs contain writing in a foreign language.

It is noted that the subject has made inferences that he has been engaged in some type of intelligence activity. It is noted that articles in his possession contain names of individuals purported to be connected with the CIA. He has also hinted that he may have been attempting to go to Cuba and that his robbing of the State National Bank of El Paso was "due to the direction he had taken towards going to Cuba." It is noted that the subject was formerly a Captain in the U. S. Army and claims to have been trained in the Army's Counter Espionage School.

It is further noted that the AUSA in El Paso is concerned about the property that NAGELL had in his possession at the time of his arrest and is of the opinion that the subject may use the property in his possession in connection with his defense with respect to the bank robbery charges.

## Requests of the FBI Laboratory

The Cryptanalysis-Translation Section of the FBI Laboratory is requested to translate the information

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appearing on photographs 1 through 12.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to conduct an examination of the above mentioned photographs and the translations of the information contained in the photographs to determine if any coded writing may be involved.

The Bureau has instructed that this matter receive expeditious attention.

The Laboratory is requested to immediately return the above mentioned photographs and translations of the information contained in the photographs to the El Paso Office as soon as possible in order that a supplementary report may be prepared containing information appearing in the photographs, it being noted that this action must be taken by the El Paso Office as soon as possible in order that all angles regarding possible espionage on the part of the subject may be resolved prior to the time that the case involving bank robbery charges against the subject comes up in the U. S. District Court in El Paso. No trial date has been set as yet in view of the fact that the subject is being sent to Springfield, Missouri, to undergo psychiatric examination for a 30-day period.



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 TO DIRECTOR AND EL PASO  
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RICHARD CASE NAGELL ESP-X

RE EL PASO AIRTELS, MARCH 4 AND 10 LAST AND BUREAU  
 AIRTEL, MARCH 17 LAST.

PERTINENT NAMES CONTAINED IN TWO FD 302'S SUBMITTED  
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Director, FBI (64-48933)

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Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 1/29/64.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

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Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in MAR 4 1964 this connection is set forth below:

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SUMMARY FROM GERMAN

Yoshida's "Right Hand"

"The first Germany Station during his information trip around the world was Berlin. Jun Murai flew from Stockholm to the Spree in order to be able to report to his chief, the Japanese Premier Yoshida, about this 'admirable and unique city.' Bonn, well, Bonn will be visited too, 'but Berlin is more important.' For years the Japanese knew little about Germany; Murai says, 'almost nothing,'... Murai is called Yoshida's 'right hand.'... He has sincere admiration for the Germans. 'The friendship between us and Germany cannot be destroyed - two countries with the same problems!' (Japan's problem No. 1: overpopulation!)

"The reconstruction in Japan? As in Germany. We are working very hard."

(The newspaper is unidentified)

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## TRANSLATION FROM JAPANESE

Two Worlds in Germany (An Account of Travel) by Jun Murai,  
Director of the Investigation Division  
in the Cabinet

### Writer's Note

I took a month and a half trip to Europe and America. What I am writing here is my impression of Germany and France. The difference between East Germany and West Germany is just like that between communism and democracy. A comparative study may give us some light on our future direction. I believe that the speedy reconstruction of West Germany is a lesson to Japan. I intend to write an article on the political and economical situation in the next edition. Many points in France are similar to those in Japan. At the request of the League of Management Groups, I made a speech which is published here.

### 1. Symbols of East Germany and West Germany


#### Two Berlins

The German people are engaged in this reconstruction work under two governments. A comparative study of two Germanys may give some light to the world. I am greatly interested in two Berlins. The large city is divided in two sections and they look entirely different from each other. It is a fact that both sections suffered from the war. West Berlin looks more lively than East Berlin. The citizens of West Berlin are making an effort to rebuild the city and shops are increasing every day.

On the other hand, the citizens of East Berlin just follow the government and do not say anything about their reconstruction work. In other words, they seem to have no interest in rebuilding the city.

In West Berlin, commodities are as much available as in London or any other cities and their qualities are also good. On the other hand, a small amount of food items and general goods is available in East Berlin. Only ration

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stations have some commodities. I heard from some people that following the riot of June 17, the food situation has greatly improved. Although a worker in East Germany earns only 300 marks a month, he has to pay 3 marks for a can of tuna fish.

People in West Berlin appear to be settled and confident. They do not show any sign of war effects. On the other hand, people in East Berlin look gloomy and unhappy. They just follow whatever the government tells them to do.

The best spot to make a comparative study of two Germanys is Wannsee, which is a summer resort. The boat I was riding suddenly turned around on the lake and I noticed the boundary line on it. On the side of East Germany, I noticed no one swimming or boating.

### Stalin Alley and Cultural Center

I have listed only bad points of East Germany. However, there are some good points. One of them is Stalin Alley. It is a large street which is 100 meters wide and 2 kilometers long. Along both sides of the street, 8-story buildings are lined up. This street is called a miracle street in East Germany. After looking at this street, students and young people believe that no great ideals can be realized without a Communist government.

A portion of the buildings is used for the living quarters of workers. Workers appear to be happy living in the buildings.

Several thousand houses for workers in the Ruhr district look very good. The houses built under the Marshall Plan are popular because workers can own them after a period of 10 years. In comparison with these houses, the buildings on Stalin Alley are big but workers like them. In a way, it is a large project and serves the purpose of Communist propaganda. The East German government makes a good use of Stalin Alley for its propaganda.

It appears that the Soviet political system is to accomplish an unusual project first and it is used for propaganda among the people. This system works very well in backward nations but to the German people, it is a laughing stock.

Another spot that drew my attention in East Germany was the Cultural Center. The two-story building

is beautiful. Of course, the portraits of Marx, Lenin, and Stalin are displayed in the building. The Soviet Union is expecting a lot from this center. The Cultural Center is for young people but young Germans do not come to this building. Libraries in West Berlin are crowded by young people of East Berlin. This is a good contrast between the two worlds.

In East Berlin, the Soviet Government and the East German government are making every effort to appease East Germans but they do not pay any attention to the governments. The German people feel that they are superior to the Russian people and they have nothing to learn from them. The Soviet Union feels that it cannot do anything with the Germans.

## **2. Facts of the Riot in East Germany**

### **Causes of the Riot**

Visitors to Berlin were interested in knowing the causes and actual state of the riot on June 17 and the steps taken by the Soviet Union. I made the following conclusion as a result of talks with leaders of the riot.

The first cause of the riot was the Soviet dictatorship. The Hitler's dictatorship was only replaced by the Soviet dictatorship. The second cause was the Soviet emphasis placed on the heavy industry. As a result, East Germans had a poor living. The third cause was the poor harvest. The fourth cause was the people's dissatisfaction under the Soviet rule for eight years. East Germans knew the government's failure in every respect and decided to oppose the Soviet rule.

When civil engineering and construction workers on Stalin Alley came out to oppose an increase of the work quotas on June 16, riots broke out all over East Germany. In the meantime, riots also broke out in Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Poland and the Soviet Union had to send its troops to the troubled spots. In other words, nations in East Europe had waited for an opportune time and East Berlin set the fire.

### **Actual Facts of the Riot**

When civil engineering and construction workers carried out a riot on June 16, large riots broke out all over East Germany. On June 16, about 20,000 workers participated in the riots and the number increased to 100,000 the following day. The important cities that carried out riots are Magdeburg, Halle, Jena, Leipzig, and Dresden. According to information from a brave leader who participated

in the riot and took down the red flag from the gate of Brandenburg, the streets were crowded with rioters on the morning of the 17th (about 7:00 a.m.). The rioters took streetcars on their way. A people's militia unit arrived in six trucks but they did not interfere with the riot. As a matter of fact, an officer waved his hand constantly. ✓ Soviet troops in 20 trucks arrived but they just followed the rioters without saying anything. When the rioters arrived in front of the gate, they were met by West Berliners and they cried, "We are not slaves. Give us freedom." The Soviet troops saw the Soviet flag being replaced by the German flag but they did not do anything at all.

In the city of Berlin, 2 incendiary fires and 100 minor cases broke out.

The rioters made the following demands:

- (1) Removal of Premier Grotewohl and Deputy Premier Ulbricht
- (2) Establishment of a provisional government
- (3) Execution of free elections
- (4) Removal of blockage between East Berlin and West Berlin
- (5) Abolishment of the People's Police
- (6) Reduction of taxes and prices of commodities.

The situation became so tense that the East German government was unable to maintain the public peace and order. However, it ended around 9:00 p.m. when Soviet armored troops arrived and many rioters suffered injuries. In order to put down the riot, the Soviet Union mobilized 15,000 military personnel with 84 tanks and 20 armored cars in addition to 10,000 policemen of East Germany. Judging by the expression of leaders, one could tell how unhappy East Germans were. The People's police force was helpless before the rioters because they know what their fellow Germans wanted.

#### Soviet Steps

The Soviet Union suppressed the rioters with its troops. On the other hand, it is interesting to see what steps the Soviet Union took later. The first step was an appeasement policy. At Malenkov's invitation, Premier Grotewohl went to Moscow and discussed various problems with Malenkov from August 20 through 22. As a result of this discussion, a joint communique was published. The

joint communique stated that the two parties concluded an agreement to cancel the reparations and to strengthen their relations in the commercial, economic, scientific and technical fields.

The first important point is the cancellation of reparations; the second point is to return industrial installations to East Germany; and the third point is to reduce the financial share of East Germany for the Soviet troops in East Germany. As the payment of reparations was to discontinue from January 1, 1954, the reduced amount is \$ 2,537,000,000 (in the world value of 1938), and as 33 factories were to return to East Germany, the value is estimated at 2,700,000,000 marks. In regard to East Germany's share, it will not exceed 5 per cent of its national budget and under no circumstances, will it exceed the level of the 1949 payment. Whereas the payment for 1949 was 2,100,000,000 marks and for 1953, 1,600,000,000 marks, the amount for 1954 was fixed to be 1,600,000,000 marks.

The first effort was made for improvements with more emphasis on the life of consumption. All the slogans showing the superiority of the Russian people were removed from Berlin. In other words, the slogans of Lenin and Stalin disappeared and only some slogans of Marx remained. As Marx was born in Germany, the special consideration was given to his slogans.

The second step was to punish leaders of the riot with heavy sentences. According to an announcement of the Minister of All German Affairs of West Germany, 17 persons were sentenced to death, 2 to life, and 164 to various terms.

The third step was to organize an action unit with Germans who were loyal to the Soviet Union in order to punish those who had received American rations and counter-revolutionary elements.

The fourth step was to announce that the riot was encouraged by American agents and that there was no reason for Germans to carry out the riot.

In addition, the Soviet Union took various other steps. At any rate, the current riot was a painful experience for the government of East Germany. It appears that East Germany will adopt an appeasement policy in the future.



### 3. Successful American Food Rations

On July 11, the government of East Germany published a communique. The communique stated that the United States food proposal was another conspiracy after the failure of the June 17 riot and that \$57,500,000 worth of food items, such as butter, cheese, animal fat, vegetable oil, etc., would be obtained on credit from the Soviet Union on July 20. In general, East Germany talks about abstract things but West Germany takes up practical things for the people.

The distribution of United States food rations began in West Berlin on July 27(sic). Until July 20, 637,000 parcels (a parcel contained 8 kg. of food items, such as 2 pounds of flour, 2 pounds of oil, 1 pound of dried vegetables and 4 cans of condensed milk) were distributed. The ration stations were opened following the riot. On the first day, about 50,000 East Berliners came to receive their rations; on the second day, the number increased to 100,000 and on the third day, it reached 200,000. In this manner, about 1,000,000 East Germans received their rations in a period of six days. Under these circumstances, the government of East Germany could not afford to let them alone. On account of the government's interference, the number decreased to 20,000 a day. This instance alone tells the shortage of food items in East Berlin. There were a dozen ration stations in West Berlin. I visited one. They had a list of East Germans. West Berliners knew the details of family conditions of East Berliners. No red tape was required for their rations.

Some East Germans came from 100 miles away and when they received their rations, they showed their smiles. The government of East Germany is unhappy about the situation. At any rate, two worlds can be seen in Berlin and a good comparison can be made between Communism and democracy.

### 4. Refugees from East Germany

Following the termination of World War II, nearly 8,000,000 Germans have escaped to West Germany from East Germany. Including those from Poland, the number reaches about 10,000,000, which exceeds the population of Australia. The government of West Germany has a separate ministry (called the Ministry of Refugees). It is said that about 80 per cent of the refugees arrived in West Germany through Berlin.

I visited one of the 10 refugee camps in West Berlin. The camp was surrounded by barbed-wire entanglements and no communications with the outside were allowed.

Escapees are usually interned in a camp and thoroughly investigated because communists come into West Berlin in order to engage in underground activities. Although escapees are interned in camps, they are happy because they know that they are in the Western sector. They often talk about the restricted life in East Germany and the harsh treatment of the government. I met a young man who had only little fingers. I was told by a woman that she had been imprisoned for three months for a criticism of the government.

Following their investigations, refugees are not released in Berlin but sent to other parts of West Germany. Most of the refugees want to go to the industrialized zone in the North. However, the government divides them evenly between the North and South and provides them with living quarters.

After the riot, the number of refugees has decreased. In March and April of 1953, there were about from 3,000 to 5,000 refugees a day. After June 17, the number decreased to from 200 to 300 a day. The main reasons are that the government of East Germany employed an appeasement policy, that those who wanted to escape to West Germany have gone already, that one can escape anytime he wants due to the relaxation of travel restrictions, and that some Germans feel that if all Germans leave East Germany, it will be part of the Soviet Union permanently. The refugee problem is very serious. The Refugee Party is the 4th strongest one in Germany and more than 20 members were elected in the general election.

##### 5. Communist Activities in Germany

It is difficult to understand Communist activities in West Germany by just looking at the number of communists, their leaders, and the plans of their struggle. A spokesman of West Germany's security office made the following remarks:

"Bad neighbors always cross our fence and spray poison. We have to stop them from coming in and sterilize the poison. Our position with communists is something like this."

It is useless to judge the Communist strength by the Communists in West Germany. One must not forget that the government of East Germany is the leader of Communist activities, issues direct orders, and sends agitators to West Germany. A large quantity of propaganda materials is printed in East Germany and distributed in West Germany. In other words, the Communist Party in West Germany takes orders from East Germany.

The first political offensive of East Germany is to show that the life in East Germany is better than that in West Germany and the Soviet Union is making every effort to reconstruct Germany. Stalin Alley is a good example of this policy. Malenkov pointed it out also on August 23. Under this political offensive, East Germany is expected to employ an appeasement policy.

The second political offensive is to alienate West Germany from the United States. East Germany states that the government of Adenauer is a puppet of the United States and it is the people's enemy and must be overthrown. An appeal has been made for the unification of Germany because the German people want it more than anything else. The government of Adenauer does not want the unification but Premier Grotewohl and the Soviet Union are ready to discuss this problem. In connection with the ratification of the joint European defense treaty, Adenauer is accused of provoking another war.

The third political offensive is to send agitators to West Germany with direct orders. It is said that during the recent election, about 3,000 agitators infiltrated West Germany. About a half of the agitators were arrested and following the election, they were sent back to East Germany. As the Communist Party is disliked in West Germany, Communists conceal their identity and are engaged in progressive and peace movements. It is said that there are from 70 to 80 organizations receiving funds from East Germany.

The amount of funds received from East Germany is very large, and the volume of propaganda materials is tremendous. East Germany also uses the medium of radio for its propaganda.

#### Germans Unshaken by Communist Propaganda

In spite of the intense activities of East Germany, the Communist Party's activities in West Germany are insignificant. The German people are not interested in Communist activities. In 1846 (sic), the membership of the Communist Party was about 300,000. At the present time, the number decreased to 100,000. In the general election in August, 1949, the Communist Party obtained 1,360,000 votes (about 5.2 per cent) and occupied 14 seats in the Diet. On the other hand, in the current election, it only obtained 600,000 votes (2.2 per cent) and occupies one seat in the Diet.

For instance, when a demonstration is held, no one joins it. Shortly before the ratification of the joint European defense treaty, the Communist Party carried out a demonstration but only 300 people joined it.

Labor unions in West Germany do not pay any attention to an appeal of East Germany. An officer of the Labor Federation stated, "We do not participate in political movements nor do we make any unreasonable economic demands that hurt the industry." Under these circumstances, there is no way for the Communist Party to cooperate with labor unions.

Without the activities of East Germany, the Communist activities in West Germany are no problem. On the other hand, West Germany is exposed to great danger. If another war breaks out, West Germany will be overrun by Soviet troops and anticommunists punished. If the German people had no confidence in themselves, they would make some compromises with the Soviet Union. However, the German people are not interested in any appeal of East Germany.

There are several reasons that the Communist strength is declining.

The first reason is that the German people know Communism well. More than 8,000,000 fellow Germans from East Germany talk about the life in East Germany. East Germany is in a difficult position to explain why East Germans want to go to West Germany whereas no one in West Germany wants to go to East Germany. West Germans see many fellow Germans coming from East Germany to get rations and they understand the reasons of the riot.

The second reason is that in comparison with East Germany, West Germany is recovering speedily and people enjoy higher standards of living. The economic recovery is assisted by the United States and the government of Adenauer is following the right direction. I met an officer of the Social-Democratic Party, who stated, "My party criticizes the policy of Adenauer toward the United States but I personally feel that there is no other way to rebuild the country."

The third reason is that Germans know that they are superior people. For this reason, they do not pay much attention to the Soviet Union. They feel that the Soviet Union has no qualifications to be a world leader and that they should lead the Soviet Union. Most of the Soviet technical improvements made after the war were made under the leadership of Germans.

Judging by the fact that only 10 per cent of the population in East Germany converted to Communism, one can tell why Germans in West Germany are indifferent about Communism.

The fourth reason is that the influence of Christianity is strong in Germany. Most of the Germans I met were Christians. The M. R. A. movement is strong in Germany because it is based on Christianity. The Christian Democratic Party headed by Adenauer is predominant. One can easily understand why the Communist Party was defeated.

The fifth reason is that Germans know that World War III will not break out for a while. They feel that they should rebuild their country rather than worrying about the questionable war.

#### 6. Driving Force for the Reconstruction of West Germany

All the German politicians, industrialists, workers, officials, women, and children have self-confidence and hope to rebuild their country. The dark period is over as far as they are concerned. They are eager to make Germany a powerful country.

As a matter of fact, the reconstruction work is admirable. Many tourists praise it very highly. The state of reconstruction is as follows:

- (1) The German people are tenacious. They know that they are superior people and that they rebuilt the country again after World War I. Although they receive financial aid from the United States, they are responsible for the reconstruction. The main emphasis is placed on the reconstruction.
- (2) The prospect of reconstruction is bright. The volume of industrial production has increased by 162 per cent in comparison with the prewar days and 250 per cent in comparison with 1948. The funds for reconstruction, workers' houses, transportation facilities, and farm machinery are provided by the source of industrial products. Since last year, Germany has made some gains in foreign trade as the volume of exports was \$4,000,000,000 whereas the volume of imports was \$3,800,000,000. The state of foreign trade is much better than that of Great Britain or France.
- (3) The question of reparations and foreign debts has been settled. Germany has already made agreements with the United States and France to reduce its debts by 65 per cent and 20 per cent respectively.
- (4) The frame of rearmament has been drawn. According to the present budget, one third of its expenditure is used for the occupation troops. Germany has already ratified the joint European defense treaty and has 460,000-man armed forces including 12 divisions.

In this manner, Germany is making great progress in its economic recovery. Germany is fully cooperating with the United States. Although it receives economic aid from the United States, it is not a puppet of the United States.

Germans know that they have to rebuild their country by themselves and are working very hard for the reconstruction, no matter what propaganda they receive from East Germany.

#### The Return of Germany by Norbert Muhlen

Norbert Muhlen is a Jewish economist born in Germany but naturalized in the United States. In the introduction of his book, Muhlen stated that the retention of Nazi influence by the German people is the greatest advantage to the Soviet Union.

The Jewish economist introduces the economic and ideological conditions to the world after the war. Muhlen is not optimistic about the economic recovery and permanent. In the conclusion, the author stated that the German people once supported the Nazi regime but have now completely liquidated the Nazi influence. Muhlen also stated that the word, "democratization" sounds to the German people like the word "non-Germanization." However, they are forced to have a tragic living as a defeated people but resisting stubbornly against Communism.

(The Return of Germany of Norbert Muhlen, Chicago, Rengnery Press, 1953, P 310, \$4.00)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (64-48933)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (65-4731) (RUC)

RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
ESPIONAGE - X

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DATE 2-9-81 BY SP3 BTJ/LW

Re El Paso airtel, 3/4/64, and Buairtel, 3/17/64.

BS indices reflect that [redacted] c/o International Red Cross Society of China, Peking, China, was in contact with [redacted] Lynn, Mass., [redacted] was believed to be a prisoner of the Chinese Communist Government. (C) (U)

The name [redacted] under unidentified areas is believed identical to [redacted] who was the subject of an ESP - R investigation. New York origin. [redacted] was subsequently convicted of Espionage in USDC, SD of New York.

Mass. Registration [redacted] was also noted under caption Miami, Florida area. This car, according to the records of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, Boston, Mass., is registered to [redacted] Milford, Mass., for a 1956 Plymouth Sedan, two door, color gray and white.

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By airtel dated 2/11/63, Houston advised that [redacted] had been arrested on 2/5/63 and charged with burglary. Houston file 26-12058. At the time of arrest, [redacted] was driving the above car. No further information is available in Boston files. No lead is being set forth for Houston to furnish additional information since it is not known whether information is pertinent to this investigation.

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SAC, New York (65-23126)

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RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
ESPIONAGE - X

ReXPlet 4-9-64.

Further action with respect to possible examination of contents of subject's trunk not desired at this time. El Paso, however, remain alert to importance of obtaining consent to search from subject and, if future events indicate subject may be agreeable, submit recommendations to Bureau.

2 - El Paso (65-951)

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NOTE:

Subject is under indictment for bank robbery. When arrested, he had in his possession a notebook and other data indicating possibility of subversive activities and associations. While in jail, he allegedly told a fellow prisoner that in a trunk located in his sister's home in Long Island, New York, there was microfilm containing names of various CP members, agents and couriers, as well as their activities. His sister, when interviewed, admitted subject had a trunk in her home, but was unwilling to allow the trunk to be opened without her brother's consent. KP has recommended against contacting subject in this regard, pointing out that subject is prone to make civil rights complaints; there is a definite question regarding his mental stability; he has been very uncooperative in attempts to interview him in the past; and his trial is scheduled for the latter part of April, 1964.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-48933)

DATE: 4/9/64

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (65-951) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
ESPIONAGE - X

OO: EL PASO

Re New York letter to Director dated 3/25/64  
and Bulet to El Paso dated 4/2/64.

Noted subject's trial in US District Court, El Paso, Texas, on a Bank Robbery charge has been postponed until the latter part of April, 1964. Subject has been very uncooperative in connection with the interviews conducted with him by the Agents of the El Paso Office during the past six months. Subject is prone to make civil rights complaints. There is a definite question regarding the subject's mental stability. The subject has reportedly attempted suicide in the past.

In view of the above, it is believed that it would be highly undesirable to contact the subject at this time to request him to execute a Consent to Search Waiver allowing the New York Office to examine contents of his trunk located in the residence of his sister. The El Paso Office definitely recommends against such action.

SUBJECT HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-48933)

DATE: MAY 21 1964

FROM : *ST*  
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*g* SAC, NEW YORK (65-23126) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
ESP - X  
(OO: EL PASO)

ReEPairtel to Bureau, 5/15/64.

NYreport of SA THOMAS J. DOWLING, dated 3/17/64,  
sets forth results of investigation conducted by NYO.

NYlet to Bureau, 3/24/64, sets forth result of indices  
check regarding certain names found in subject's possession.

No information developed by NYO which would tend  
to show Communist and/or Cuban activities on part of subject. *K*

No further action being taken by NYO, UACB.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (64-48933)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (65-951) (P)

RE: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, Aka.,  
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OO: EL PASO

Re El Paso airtel to the Director dated March 6,  
1964 and Legat, Tokyo letter to the Director dated March 24,  
1964.

In view of the nature of the information set out  
in referenced Legat, Tokyo letter and the letter which was  
enclosed with referenced Legat, Tokyo letter and to insure  
that the information contained in the above-mentioned  
communications is properly reported, Legat, Tokyo is  
requested to submit a report covering its investigation in  
this case. Legat, Tokyo should include, where pertinent,  
information in its report which was originally set out in  
the letterhead memorandum attached to referenced El Paso  
airtel. (X) (u)

Request of the Bureau:

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The Bureau is requested to forward to Legat,  
Tokyo one copy of this airtel in order that Legat, Tokyo  
be cognizant of the above-mentioned request of the El Paso  
Office. (u)

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1 - El Paso

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cc to Legat, Tokyo  
by n/c for info  
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REPORTING OFFICE <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>EL PASO</b>	DATE <b>5/12/64</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>2/3/64 - 6/9/64</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY <b>ps</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESPIONAGE -</b> <del>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE</del>	

REFERENCES: Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 2/4/64  
 at El Paso.  
 Los Angeles airtel, 2/20/64.  
 Bureau airtel, 2/27/64.  
 El Paso airtel, 3/4/64.  
 Los Angeles airtel, 3/23/64.  
 El Paso airtel, 5/15/64.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

At the time subject's brother, [REDACTED] was interviewed he exhibited a slip of paper upon which he had written the name of Assistant U. S. Attorney [REDACTED] said he had phoned [REDACTED] in January, 1964, and told him that his brother was crazy. He also expressed concern to [REDACTED] about the bank robbery trial of his brother. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] laughed and told him not to worry.

In regard to referenced El Paso airtel of 3/4/64, it is being pointed out that the names under Los Angeles Area and

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⑤ - Bureau (64-48933)(RM)		25 JUN 17 1964	
3 - El Paso (65-951)(RM)			
1 - Los Angeles (65-7445)			

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the majority of names, etc., under Unidentified Areas refer to police characters, political figures, newspaper reporters, second and third rate bars and night clubs in the Los Angeles area. This conglomeration of miscellaneous information is typical of the collection of documents usually brought in to Field Offices by "nut" complainants.

Medical records attest to subject's mental instability. His family considers him to be mentally disturbed. He is presently undergoing mental tests as ordered by the USFC in El Paso.

In view of this, the multitude of leads suggested by papers in subject's possession were not completely covered by the Los Angeles Office.

#### INFORMANTS

Careful consideration has been given to each source used in the body of this report, and T symbols were used only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

#### SOURCE

#### LOCATION

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LA T-5

To SA WILLIAM R. WHITE,  
3/6/64.

To SA WILLIAM R. WHITE,  
3/3/64.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of: [REDACTED]

Date:

6/12/64

Office: Los Angeles, California b6  
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Field Office File No.: 65-7445

Bureau File No.: 64-48933

Title: RICHARD CASE NAGELL

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Character: ESPIONAGE - X

Synopsis: Mother, brother, former wife, and friend of RICHARD NAGELL all consider him to be mentally disturbed. No indication NAGELL involved in espionage, Communist Party, or "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" activity. NAGELL told his brother he had been to Cuba and once jokingly told his former wife he was thinking of going to Russia. Information concerning NAGELL's bank accounts set forth. SUBJECT HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

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DETAILS:

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[REDACTED]  
(divorced from RICHARD C. NAGELL)

On February 3, 1964, [REDACTED] furnished the following information to SAS [REDACTED] at her residence at [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California:

She filed for divorce from RICHARD NAGELL in Los Angeles on April 19, 1962, but has not received the final decree. NAGELL stayed out late nights, beat her, never gave

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her any money, and did not like the children. She believes NAGELL's mother resides in the Los Angeles area, but she does not know the mother's address and has never met her. She repeatedly asked NAGELL to introduce her to his mother, but he always refused to do so.

[ ] stated NAGELL never exhibited any political interest, never mentioned communism or the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee," or Cuba. Once in the summer of 1963 NAGELL was mad about something unrecalled and jokingly said he was thinking of going to Russia, but [ ] is certain this was said in jest.

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[ ] is of the opinion there is something mentally wrong with NAGELL. He would fly into violent rages without apparent reason. She pointed out that her television set has a split plastic case and stated NAGELL hit the set with his fist once while angry and this resulted in this damage.

Although NAGELL did not like his children, during the marriage, he has frequently complained about not being with them since the divorce. He sends them cards from various places in the United States, but has never since the divorce furnished support for the children or [ ]. As a consequence, [ ] has been supporting herself and the children through employment as a waitress and has to board the children out.

On March 6, 1964, [ ] stated to SA [ ] that she never knew NAGELL to be involved in espionage in any manner. She further commented that they were always in financial difficulty during their residence in the United States. During the marriage NAGELL had a bank account at the Bank of America, Wilshire and Vermont, Los Angeles, but [ ] doubts there was ever much money in the account. She said that since the separation in April of 1962, NAGELL has sent her a total of about \$180.00.

There is no information in the files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI identifiable with [ ]

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Mrs. FRANCES M. NAGELL,  
nee Frances Kaufman  
(mother of RICHARD C. NAGELL)

On March 5, 1964, Mrs. FRANCES NAGELL furnished the following information to SAs [redacted], and PHILIP J. REILLY at her residence at 856 South Catalina Avenue, Apartment 104, Los Angeles: *Calif*

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Mrs. NAGELL stated that for many years and for various reasons, none of which relate to this case, there has been dissension in the family. However, until the time that RICHARD NAGELL was in the airplane crash, they had gotten along well together. Since the crash there has been a marked change in RICHARD NAGELL, and Mrs. NAGELL is certain her son has some form of mental trouble.

She saw RICHARD in Chicago, Illinois, in 1954, and she moved to Los Angeles in May of 1955. It was then seven years before she heard directly from him or saw him. She ran into RICHARD by chance on the street in Los Angeles, saw that he needed help, and thereafter tried to give him both moral and financial assistance.

Mrs. NAGELL gave her son \$1,000.00 on one occasion and much smaller amounts on other occasions. He never expressed appreciation for this help. RICHARD never seemed to have enough money. She does not know if he had a bank account or not.

Mrs. NAGELL was trying to locate RICHARD after he had disappeared for several days. She knew he could often be found at The Happy Rabbit, a beer joint at 2709 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles. She went there and found RICHARD, and he flew into an uncontrollable rage because she had gone inside this bar, claiming it was no place for a decent woman. Mrs. NAGELL stated it was really not that bad a place. She became definitely convinced after this incident that there was something seriously wrong with her son. But even prior to this time she observed RICHARD became extremely angry over nothing, and he would cry without explaining what was troubling him.

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After above mentioned incident, RICHARD again would have nothing to do with her. She kept track of him through her other son, LOUIS, who is a year and a half older than RICHARD. Mrs. NAGELL was in a way happy to have the boys get together after years of estrangement. She described LOUIS as being an almost hopeless alcoholic. She thought since both sons had serious problems, they might be able to help each other. LOUIS has told her, however, that he was never able to straighten out RICHARD.

She stated that RICHARD never discussed communism, never mentioned Cuba or the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee" or gave any indication he was in any manner involved in espionage.

On March 9, 1964, Mrs. NAGELL informed SA [ ] that she wanted to point out that RICHARD had never physically abused her, that the abuse was always vocal. She also mentioned that she herself has been under psychiatric care for several years, and she does not think her problem has yet been eliminated.

There is no information in the files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI identifiable with Mrs. FRANCES NAGELL.

[ ] true name  
[ ] brother of  
RICHARD C. NAGELL)

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On March 5, 1964, [ ] furnished the following information to SAs [ ] and PHILIP J. REILLY at his residence at [ ] California, telephone [ ]

[ ] stated he got in trouble at age 16 and since that time has used his mother's maiden name as his last name. He considers himself to be the "black sheep" of the family and has had little contact with other family members until the last year or two. At one time in Korea he discovered he was in the same army outfit as his brother, RICHARD, and looked him up. RICHARD was an officer in intelligence while [ ] was an enlisted man, and RICHARD did not want to have much contact with [ ] However, when their mother told RICHARD that [ ]

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had cancer of the throat in 1962, RICHARD went to [ ] and offered to help him. [ ] later discovered he did not have cancer and also discovered that RICHARD was the one who needed help. [ ] frequently saw RICHARD in 1962 and until about August of 1963 when RICHARD left the Los Angeles area.

[ ] considers RICHARD to be mentally disturbed. He recalled an afternoon when both were at The Happy Rabbit and the newspapers carried an account of the burglary of the local armory. RICHARD told [ ] he had pulled the burglary and had some machine guns in his car parked on the street near the beer joint. [ ] immediately said he would like to see the machine guns and the two of them walked out to the car. [ ] saw no guns and upon asking RICHARD where they were the latter replied he did not know what [ ] was talking about. RICHARD said he had no recollection of telling [ ] anything about guns or burglarizing any armory. In addition to this [ ] said that RICHARD was usually in a state of deep depression. RICHARD complained about his wife divorcing him and about his employment problems.

RICHARD never spoke in favor of communism but he did say that he thought the American government should do more for him in view of his army service. He never mentioned Russia. When RICHARD returned from Mexico City in 1962, he told [ ] he had gone to Cuba from Mexico. He gave no reason for having made this trip. [ ] has no information indicating RICHARD was ever involved in espionage. He never heard RICHARD mention the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee."

[ ] does not know if RICHARD had a bank account; he does know RICHARD usually was broke.

There is no information in the files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI identifiable with [ ]

[ ]  
(friend of RICHARD C. NAGELL)

[ ] furnished the following information to  
SA [ ] on March 9, 1964:

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[ ] resides in a boarding house at [ ]  
[ ] Los Angeles. He is employed by the Hartford  
Insurance Company, 548 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.

He has known RICHARD NAGELL for about one year.  
He met him through [ ] of the California Alcoholic  
Beverage Control at The Happy Rabbit. [ ] does not know  
any members of NAGELL's family nor does he know of any other  
close friends of NAGELL.

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NAGELL left Los Angeles the first or second week of  
September, 1963. Just before leaving he told [ ] he would  
be traveling and asked him to share his Post Office box so  
he could forward on the government disability checks which  
he receives monthly. He also asked [ ] to mail him an almanac  
whenever it was convenient as he liked to refer to the almanac  
from time to time as a general source of information. [ ]  
complied with both requests. Near the end of each month [ ]  
has sent the checks to NAGELL at a Post Office box in El Paso,  
Texas. He also sent him an almanac with a yellow cover as he  
recalls it. [ ] did not mark or alter this almanac in any way.

[ ] recently received a form letter from a hospital  
in Missouri, informing him he had been named as a correspondent  
authorized to communicate with RICHARD NAGELL. [ ] has received  
no indication that NAGELL is in any sort of trouble, and he  
wondered what was behind the hospital letter.

[ ] has never heard anything about his receiving  
four reels of microfilm or any personal papers should NAGELL  
die. [ ] does not have a key to any safety deposit box and  
does not know if NAGELL does or does not have a safety deposit  
box. [ ] has heard NAGELL mention his sister but knows  
nothing concerning any Japanese gas mask or anything else  
stored with her which is to be turned over to him upon NAGELL's  
death.

About a month or two after NAGELL left Los Angeles  
he wrote to [ ] probably just on one occasion, and that  
concerned paying the rent on the joint postal box.

[ ] is of the opinion NAGELL is a paranoiac in  
that he is depressed at the manner his ex-wife treated him  
and the manner in which the local, state, and Federal governments  
have treated him. [ ] definitely considers NAGELL to be mentally  
disturbed.

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[ ] has never heard NAGELL speak in favor of communism or Cuba. He has never heard of the "Fair Play for Cuba Committee." [ ] has no indication NAGELL was ever involved in espionage.

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NAGELL never had much money, just his income from driving a Yellow Cab and from his disability check. [ ] does not know if NAGELL had a bank account.

There is no information in the files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI identifiable with [ ]

BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION

On March 5, 1964, LA T-1, <sup>306u</sup> whose information may not be made public except upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, [ ]

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On March 9, 1964, LA T-2, <sup>306u</sup> whose information may not be made public except upon issuance of a subpoena duces tecum, [ ]

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INFORMATION FROM INFORMANTS  
AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION

On March 9, 1964, SA [redacted] was advised by the following that they had no information concerning RICHARD NAGELL:

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[redacted] Investigator,  
Immigration and Naturalization Service,  
Los Angeles, who is cognizant of many  
Cuban activities in Los Angeles.

[redacted]  
[redacted] the pro-  
Castro movement in Los Angeles 1960-1961.

[redacted]  
Los Angeles, who is acquainted with some  
activities of the "Fair Play for Cuba  
Committee," Los Angeles.

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\*LA T-3 who is cognizant of many Cuban  
activities in Los Angeles.

LA T-4 and LA T-5, who are familiar with  
Communist Party activity in the general  
area where RICHARD NAGELL has resided in  
Los Angeles. (S)(u)

There is no information of substance in the files  
of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI identifying NAGELL with  
any Communist Party, Cuban, or espionage activity.

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[redacted] stated on March 23, 1964, to SA [redacted] that he and his wife, [redacted] reside at [redacted] Los Angeles, California. [redacted] did not recognize name or photograph of RICHARD NAGELL. When further descriptive data was furnished [redacted] he recalled he had met NAGELL on one occasion about a year ago at The Happy Rabbit, a beer joint at 2709 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles

NAGELL told [redacted] he either was or had been a Yellow Cab driver, that he had a Japanese wife who had divorced him. [redacted] said he possibly told NAGELL he worked as a machinist at Aero-Space Manufacturing Corporation, 3825 Cohasset Street, Burbank, California, but cannot recall having told NAGELL anything else. [redacted] stated he thinks NAGELL left the bar at the same time he did which may account for NAGELL having [redacted] license number. [redacted] drives a cream colored 1962 Buick Special, four door, license [redacted] (California Department of Motor Vehicles verifies this license is for this car.) [redacted] said he does not work on any classified material and has no clearance. [redacted] was born in Japan, naturalized in Hawaii on January 21, 1954, certificate number [redacted]

[redacted] is of the opinion he and NAGELL only conversed about ten or fifteen minutes on this one occasion, and he has no information apart from above concerning NAGELL.

There is no information in the files of the Los Angeles Office of the FBI identifiable with [redacted]  
[redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Los Angeles, California  
June 12, 1964

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. LA 65-7445

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Title RICHARD CASE NAGELL

Character ESPIONAGE - X

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED]  
dated as above at Los Angeles,  
California.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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1 - Mr. Jones

SAC, El Paso (65-951)

8/17/66

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Director, FBI (64-48933) - 75

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RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
ESP - X

Reurlet 8/3/66.

For your information, Bufiles reveal that [redacted] of Columbia University was the first witness to testify before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in March, 1966, concerning the hearings on U.S.-China relations. He made the observation that the U.S. should continue to contain Red China but that attempts to isolate Communist China have been unwise and in a fundamental sense unsuccessful. [redacted] was born in Shanghai, China, and lived in China for some 17 years both as a child, 1921-36 and as an adult, 1947-49 while working for the Institute for Current World Affairs and the "Chicago Daily News." Our files reveal that [redacted] served in the U.S. Marine Corps from March, 1942, until December, 1945. He was subject to an applicant-type investigation in 1947 which was favorable.

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Mark Julius Gayn is an author, foreign correspondent, radio and television commentator and a veteran of eight years as a foreign correspondent in the Orient. He was the subject of an internal security investigation in the 1940s based on an allegation he was in the possession of classified government documents. The complaint against him was dismissed 9/12/45. He was interviewed by Bureau Agents in 1953 at which time he was very cooperative and furnished information concerning the persons of interest to the Bureau. He stated he has always been opposed to communism and claimed to know nothing about any espionage activities. In view of the nonspecific information furnished by subject, no further action by you appears to be warranted.

ARJ: [redacted] (4)

NOTE: Subject, who is described as not stable mentally due to brain damage resulting from an airplane crash during the Korean War, when being interviewed concerning a Civil Rights matter stated he wished to furnish two names to the Bureau and that these names would be significant and meaningful to the FBI. The names given were Mark Julius Gayn and [redacted] but no specific allegation was made concerning these names.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-48933)

DATE: 8/3/66

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (65-951)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
ESPIONAGE - X

Rerep SA [ ] dated 7/24/64 at El Paso.

On 7/22/66 RICHARD CASE NAGELL was interviewed as the victim in El Paso case entitled "UNSUB; RICHARD CASE NAGELL - VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS", by SA's RICHARD H. PICKEN and ROBERT G. ABEGGLEN. After NAGELL furnished a signed statement regarding his Civil Rights allegation, he stated that he had two names that would be of interest to the FBI. NAGELL stated that he would not give any specific information regarding these two men or his involvement with them inasmuch as he did not wish to become involved in this matter. NAGELL stated the two names were MARK J. GAYN and [ ]. He stated that these names were very significant and would be meaningful to the FBI.

NAGELL stated that he first met MARK J. GAYN in 1957 in Hong Kong, and that GAYN was a "New York Times" writer. NAGELL stated that he met GAYN in Toronto, Canada, in 1962 and again in Montreal, Canada, in 1963, and that GAYN was connected with a foreign government in the Far East which was not friendly to the U.S. NAGELL would not furnish any additional information regarding GAYN.

NAGELL stated that [ ] whom he first met in Washington, D.C., in December, 1962, was with the State Department and in 1963 was in Japan, China, Korea, and Formosa with the State Department.

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NAGELL added that both GAYN and [ ] were working together and that he (NAGELL) saw [ ] give GAYN some film. At this point NAGELL refused to discuss the matter any further or furnish any additional or specific information, adding that he had given enough information to identify these men and that this would be meaningful to the FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. NAGELL reiterated that he did not want to get involved in this matter any further.

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This information is being furnished the Bureau as a matter of record as to the information furnished by NAGELL.

El Paso indices contain no information regarding GAYN or [ ] and El Paso, therefore, is unable to evaluate the validity of NAGELL's statements regarding these individuals.

The Bureau is requested to advise if the information furnished by NAGELL is of any significance and El Paso is taking no further action UACB.



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Date January 14, 1969

RE:

**RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka  
IS - EG**

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Serep, by 5-1  
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.  
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Re WFO let 12/27/68, copy of which has been furnished to BA and NY.

WFO is requested to submit information in relet in LHM form. Information developed by BA should also be submitted in LHM form. NY's attention is directed to its airtel 11/21/68 re Assassination of President Kennedy (NY file 89-75) which indicates subject in NY. NY through established sources determine subject's residence and employment and furnish same to WFO for inclusion in requested LHM.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-48933)

DATE: 12/27/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (65-9158) (WJC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka  
IS - EG  
(OO:EP)

ReBu R/S (0-7) dated 11/18/68, entitled "RICHARD CASE NAGELL, IS - EG."

ReBu R/S contains as an enclosure a Xerox copy of a news item which appeared in the 10/25/68 edition of "The Washington Post," a metropolitan newspaper of general circulation published in Washington, D.C. This news item reported that RICHARD CASE NAGELL, a Californian and a former U.S. Army captain who left the service in 1959, had been released by authorities of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) after having been held for four months. NAGELL reportedly left by plane for the U.S. It is further reported that NAGELL was taken off a train by the East Germans in about July, 1968, while he was on his way from West Germany to West Berlin through East Germany. Apparently NAGELL made some remarks which the East Germans considered derogatory.

The Bureau requested Baltimore to check records of Fort Holabird and WFO to check State Department records for information regarding the subject, request check of Bufiles and thereafter, set out leads to have subject interviewed.

On 12/13/68, SE [ ] reviewed the subject's file at the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State (USDS), and found it to contain the following additional information concerning the subject:

- ② - Bureau
- 1 - El Paso (65-951) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (65-7445) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New York (65-23126) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

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RICHARD CASE NAGELL, who was born on 8/5/30, at Greenwich, New York, was issued passport number J-543069 on 5/24/68, at New York, New York, in response to application for passport dated 5/23/68, at New York, New York. It is further revealed that NAGELL planned to depart the U.S. in about June, 1968, via air for a 14 - 21 day vacation trip to England, Belgium, France and Italy. NAGELL listed his parents as LOUIS NAGELL, born in Norway, date unknown, a U.S. citizen; and FRANCES KAUFMAN, born in the U.S., date unknown. He listed the person to notify in the event of death or accident as [redacted] Wilmington, Delaware, and his permanent residence as [redacted] New York, New York (10016). NAGELL also revealed in his passport application that he was last married on 3/20/58, to [redacted] who was born on [redacted] and who is now a U.S. citizen. This marriage was terminated by divorce, date unknown. The subject's passport was valid for three years for travel to all countries except Cuba, mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam. By operation of law effective 8/26/68, the validity of this passport was extended to 5/23/73. [redacted]

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The passport file contains the following description of the subject: [redacted]

Height:	6 feet 1 inch
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Adjuster
Social Security #:	104-24-8340

Subject's passport file was reviewed by the U.S. Secret Service on 7/5/68.

On 12/9/68, SA [redacted] reviewed the subject's file at the Office of Security, USDS. This file contains copies of FBI reports submitted in the case entitled "RICHARD CASE NAGELL, ESP - X" (Bufile 64-48933). A review of these reports reveals that NAGELL had manifested evidence of mental instability in the past and had, on at least one occasion, according to a press article, attempted suicide. He has also reportedly

threatened to defect. It is further revealed that NAGELL served commendably in the Korean War and was later the sole survivor of an airplane crash in which he received severe head injuries which may have contributed to his mental instability. Subject's condition was diagnosed at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Bay Pines, Florida, in January, 1963, as "chronic brain syndrome associated with brain trauma with behavior reaction characterized by passive, aggressive and paranoid features." In May, 1964, NAGELL was convicted of attempted armed bank robbery in the U.S. District Court, El Paso, Texas, and sentenced to ten years in prison. His conviction was reversed on grounds relating to insanity and he was acquitted on 4/28/68.

In addition, the subject's file contains a telegram from the American Consulate General, Zurich, to the USDS dated 6/6/68. This telegram reveals that RICHARD CASE NAGELL, born 8/5/30, New York, New York, passport #J-543069, issued 5/29/68, appeared at the Consulate General (Congen), Zurich, on 6/4/68, and told a coherent story about "working for a secret U. S. Government agency on mission to Geneva where he was to meet the Japanese." NAGELL wanted Congen's assistance to get money which he claimed he had deposited in a New York bank before departing the U.S. NAGELL was told Congen could not assist him.

It is further revealed that NAGELL returned to Congen on 6/5/68, was seriously incoherent, appeared psychotic and possibly dangerous. On this occasion NAGELL claimed he had been interviewed by New Orleans District Attorney JAMES GARRISON on 5/14 - 16/68, in connection with "CIA and President KENNEDY death." NAGELL claimed GARRISON told him he is in danger of being killed, therefore, wanted to "inform CIA he was in Zurich." NAGELL also on this visit to Congen said the U.S. Government had previously withheld his passport from him.

By telegram dated 6/12/68, the USDS advised the American Consulate, Zurich, to assist NAGELL as appropriate and attempt to encourage him to return to the U.S.

WFO 65-9158

The subject's file at the Office of Security, USDS, reflects that subject's release was arranged by Attorney [redacted] [redacted] U.S. Mission, Berlin, Germany, who was aware of subject's injuries, apparent mental instability and of his court record and who was asked to furnish same to the East German authorities.

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The subject's file at the Office of Security, USDS, contains no additional information regarding him.

WFO files contain some but not all of the FBI reports submitted in the case entitled "RICHARD CASE NAGELL, ESP - X" (Bufile 64-48933). WFO indices contain no additional pertinent information concerning the subject.

Inasmuch as El Paso is the last Office of Origin in this matter known to WFO, and inasmuch as present whereabouts of the subject is unknown, El Paso is being continued as Office of Origin and is being furnished an information copy.

Information copies of this communication are also being designated for Los Angeles and New York since subject has relatives residing in their territories and since these offices have received previous correspondence regarding NAGELL.

From the information available, subject left for the U.S. following his release by East German authorities on 10/23/68. His present whereabouts is unknown. A careful study of all information available to WFO regarding the past behavior and mental condition of NAGELL has persuaded WFO to conclude that an interview of him would be worthless. Hence, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, WFO plans no further investigation in this matter.

11/21/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (89-75)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD  
KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963,  
DALLAS, TEXAS

There is enclosed for the Bureau, Dallas and  
El Paso Offices the following which was made available to the  
NYO on 11/19/68, by RICHARD CASE NAGELL:

1. Two typewritten pages captioned [ ]  
[ ] containing information concerning a letter allegedly  
written by RICHARD CASE NAGELL on 8/13/63, to FBI Director  
J. EDGAR HOOVER informing him of OSWALD's plan to kill  
President KENNEDY.

2. Two pages from the New Yorker Magazine,  
7/13/68, issue concerning NAGELL.

3. A letter to the New Yorker Magazine dated  
11/14/68, signed RICHARD C. NAGELL.

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DATE 9-8-81 BY SP8 BTY/lw

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1-Dallas (89-43) (Encls. 4) (INFO)  
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4. A newspaper clipping from the Washington Post, dated 10/25/68, concerning NAGELL's release from East Germany.

RICHARD CASE NAGELL personally appeared at the NYO on 11/19/68, and stated that he had given the information contained in number one above to SAS EDWARD J. MURPHY and [redacted] of the El Paso Office where he was arrested by them on 1/6/64, for attempted Bank Robbery. He insisted that he did not give the information to anyone else. b6 b7C

NAGELL said he obtained copies of these typewritten pages from his friend [redacted] Wilmington, Delaware, (telephone number [redacted] on 11/10/68. [redacted] informed him that he received the information from [redacted] (assistant of JAMES GARRISON). [redacted] reportedly received the information from either [redacted] Los Angeles Attorney or [redacted] a resident of California. They allegedly received the information from [redacted] who served time with NAGELL at Mc Neill Penitentiary in February or March of 1966.

NAGELL insisted this was not so and indicated that someone in the El Paso Office released the information to an unauthorized person.

Items 2,3 and 4 do not relate directly to NAGELL's allegation but are being enclosed for further background information.

NAGELL's letter to the Bureau is referred to in the report of SA [redacted] at El Paso dated 6/9/64, entitled "RICHARD CASE NAGELL aka ESPIONAGE-X Bufile 64-48933, El Paso file 65-951, NYfile 65-23126." Page 53 of this report sets out that no record of this letter could be located.

No action is being taken by the NYO in this matter. It is being furnished for information purposes by airtel since NAGELL said that if action was not immediately taken, he would go to higher authorities and it is possible that inquiry may be made of the Bureau from other sources.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-48933) DATE: 1/21/69

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE (65-3323) -RUC-

SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka  
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(OO:EL PASO)

Re Bureau Routing Slip dated 11/18/68, and WFO letter to the Bureau dated 12/27/68.

DCII, Fort Holabird, Maryland, checked 12/24/68, for SA JAMES E. BARRETT, reflects five USAIRR file references possibly identical with subject, as well as the following file references:

NIS #S/NONI-64-M05081216;  
OSI #S/F-18-H-63-43-27358;  
OSI #S/F-18-SH-63-43-31433.

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DATE 5-9-81 BY SP8 BTJ/LW

The file references at USAIRR, Fort Holabird, Maryland, were made available and reviewed by SA BARRETT during the period 1/14 - 15/69. Four of the file references were found to be not identical with captioned subject. File number X1-332650 concerns RICHARD CASE NAGELL, born 8/5/30 in New York. This file contains no pertinent information in addition to that set forth during previous review of the file by Baltimore on 2/27 - 28/64, results of which were set forth in Baltimore airtel to Bureau dated 2/28/64, in caption "RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka, ESP - X, OO:EP", copies of Baltimore airtel were furnished to El Paso and WFO.

Enclosed for information of Los Angeles and New York are copies of Baltimore airtel to Bureau dated 2/28/64, referred to above.

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- ② - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)  
1 - El Paso (65-951) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
1 - Los Angeles (65-7445) (Encl. 1) (Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
1 - New York (65-23126) (Encl. 1) (Info) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
2 - WFO (65-9158) (REGISTERED MAIL)  
1 - Baltimore  
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Subject's USAIRR file contains copies of 1964 Bureau reports concerning him under the character "ESP - X". The file contains no information subsequent to 1964.

WFO is requested to review the above listed NIS and OSI files for pertinent information concerning subject.

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Date: 2/14/69

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (64-48933)  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (65-23126) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka  
IS - EG  
(OO:EP)

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ON 4/4/97... (PK)

Re Bureau R/S, dated 1/14/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies  
of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. El Paso is also  
being furnished two copies of enclosed LHM.

Suitable pretext used during interview of [ ]  
[ ] was the FBI's desire to contact  
NAGELL with respect to his recent travel to East Germany  
for the purpose of determining whether he was a target  
for EGIS recruitment. (u)

No communication being prepared at this time for  
Secret Service, NYC, since it has no prior information  
concerning NAGELL.

All established sources and agencies in NYC area  
were contacted by NYO for information concerning NAGELL's  
residence and employment with negative results.

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AT NEW YORK. NEW YORK Will maintain contact with  
[ ] for any information re current  
whereabouts of NAGELL.

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- 2 - El Paso (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 1 - Washington Field (65-9158) (INFO) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New York

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

February 14, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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DATE 9-8-81 BY SP-4BTJ/JW  
(96850/GOL - 4/3/81 - JKC)

Richard Case Nagell  
Internal Security - East Germany

On October 25, 1968, "The Washington Post," a metropolitan newspaper of general circulation published in Washington, D. C., carried a news item which reflected that Richard Case Nagell, a Californian and a former United States Army Captain who had left the service in 1959, had been released by authorities of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) after having been held for a period of four months. It was further reported that Nagell was taken off a train by the East Germans during July, 1968, while he was on his way from West Germany to West Berlin through East Germany.

On February 13, 1969, [redacted]

[redacted] New York, were afforded an interview under a suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), at which time they advised that Richard Case Nagell was the brother of [redacted]

They further advised that Nagell uses their residence address as his permanent address and receives mail at this address. In addition, he, from time to time, takes up residence at this address and, in this regard, was staying with them until as recently as a week ago. At that time, Nagell indicated to [redacted] that the cold weather was becoming uncomfortable and left the residence for an unknown destination.

Nagell contacted the [redacted] family by telephone several days later and indicated he would be on the road for a short period of time and might return to the residence address within the next three weeks.

Neither [redacted] could furnish any information with respect to the present whereabouts of Nagell.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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Richard Case Nagell

[redacted] advised that Nagell has not had any employment of any kind recently and has been living on his disability check which he receives from the United States Government in connection with a service-incurred disability. In addition, [redacted] stated that Nagell had recently been to Washington, D. C., where he had been in contact with the Veterans Administration for the purpose of increasing the amount of his disability check. To date, this matter has not been resolved.

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FBI

Date: 2/18/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (64-48933)

FROM: SAC, WFO (65-9158) (RUC) *(5668 SLD/GOL - 4/3/97-JFK)*

RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
IS - EG

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DATE 9-4-81 BY SP-8 BTJ/ALW

Re Bureau routing slip (0-7), dated 1/14/69;  
BAlet, 1/21/69; WFOlet dated 12/27/68, and NY airtel and  
LHM, 2/14/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 5 copies and  
for El Paso, Los Angeles, New York, and Baltimore 1 copy each  
of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

For the information of all Offices referenced,  
Bureau routing slip requested WFO to submit info in referenced  
WFOlet of 12/27/68 in LHM form.

SE [ ] reviewed the subject's file at  
the Passport Office, U. S. Department of State (USDS), on  
12/13/68.

SA [ ] reviewed the subject's file  
at the Office of Security, USDS, on 12/9/68.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 5)
- 1 - El Paso (65-951) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (65-7445) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM) (AM)
- 1 - New York (65-23126) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Baltimore (65-3326) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - WFO

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

*0-7 to EP, LA, NY, WFO, etc. to BAA WFO, etc. to NY, etc. (see attached)  
4/28/69 JWO/yc*

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On 1/30/69, SA [ ] Office of Special Investigations (OSI), advised SA [ ] that the subject's OSI file contains no additional pertinent information since it was reviewed on 2/28/64 by IC [ ] of the WFO, FBI. [ ] stated that OSI file references S/F-18-H-63-43 (27358 and 31433) were included in this previous file review.

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On 2/4/69, IC [ ] was furnished copies of Naval Intelligence Service (NIS) files #NIS #S/NONI-64-M05081216-1218 containing info concerning subject. A review of the information on 2/5/69 by SA [ ] failed to reveal any additional pertinent information concerning the subject.

For the information of interested Offices, referenced NY airtel and LHM, 2/14/69, revealed that NAGELL's present whereabouts is unknown; however, that he may return to the home of his sister, [ ] New York, within the next three weeks. NY will maintain contact with [ ] for any information re current whereabouts of NAGELL.

Inasmuch as El Paso is the last Office of Origin in this matter known to WFO, and inasmuch as present whereabouts of the subject is unknown, El Paso is being continued as Office of Origin and is being furnished an information copy.

Information copies of this communication are also being designated for Los Angeles and New York since subject has relatives residing in their territories and since these Offices have received previous correspondence regarding NAGELL.

TO: SAC,

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☐ Albuquerque  
☐ Anchorage  
☒ Atlanta  
☐ Baltimore  
☐ Birmingham  
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Date 2/28/69

RE: **RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka** (566850/KCL-4367-JFK)  
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☒ For information    ☐ Retention optional    ☒ For appropriate action    ☐ Surep. by \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.  
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: **ReNYairtel and LHM 2/14/69 and WFO airtel 2/18/69.**

**Since subject is using a NY address as his permanent residence, NY being designated office of origin. KP furnish copy of pertinent serials to NY.**

**In view of subject's suicidal tendencies and propensity for violence, data re subject being furnished to Secret Service. NY consider for inclusion on Security Index.**

Enc. **64-48933**  
Bufile **NY 65-23126, WFO 65-9158, KP 65-951**  
Orfile **BA 65-3326**

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Washington, D. C. 20535

February 18, 1969

(5668 SCD/GCL - 4/3/97 - JFK)

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RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
INTERNAL SECURITY - EAST GERMANY

The October 25, 1968, edition of "The Washington Post," a metropolitan newspaper of general circulation published in Washington, D. C., contained a news item reporting that Richard Case Nagell, a Californian and a former United States Army captain who left the service in 1959, had been released by authorities of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) after having been held for four months. Nagell reportedly left by plane for the United States. It is further reported in this news item that Nagell was taken off a train by the East Germans in about July, 1968, while he was on his way from West Germany to West Berlin through East Germany. Apparently Nagell made some remarks which the East Germans considered derogatory.

On December 13, 1968, at the Passport Office, United States Department of State (USDS), a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reviewed the passport file of Richard Case Nagell. This file contains the following information concerning Nagell:

Richard Case Nagell, who was born on August 5, 1930, at Greenwich, New York, was issued passport Number J-543069 on May 24, 1968, at New York, New York, in response to application for passport dated May 23, 1968, at New York, New York. It is further revealed that Nagell planned to depart the United States in about June, 1968, via air for a fourteen to twenty-one day vacation trip to England, Belgium, France, and Italy. Nagell listed his parents as Louis Nagell, born in Norway, date unknown, a United States citizen; and Frances Kaufman, born in the United States, date unknown. He listed the person to notify in the event of death or accident as [redacted]

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Wilmington, Delaware, and his permanent residence as 22 East 29th Street, New York, New York (10016). Nagell also revealed in his passport application that he was last married on March 20, 1958, to [redacted] who was born on [redacted] at [redacted] and who is now a United States citizen. This marriage was terminated by divorce, date unknown. The subject's passport was valid for three years for travel to all countries except Cuba, mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam. By operation of law effective August 26, 1968, the validity of this passport was extended to May 23, 1973.

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The passport file contains the following description of the subject:

Height:	6 feet 1 inch
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Adjuster
Social Security Number:	104-24-8340

On December 9, 1968, at the Office of Security, USDS, a representative of the FBI reviewed the security file of Richard Case Nagell. This file contains the following information concerning Nagell:

A telegram from the American Consulate General, Zurich, to the USDS dated June 6, 1968, reveals that Richard Case Nagell, born August 5, 1930, New York, New York, Passport #J-543069, issued May 29, 1968, appeared at the Consulate General (Congen), Zurich, on June 4, 1968, and told a coherent story about "working for a secret U.S. Government agency on mission to Geneva where he was to meet the Japanese." Nagell wanted Congen's assistance to get money which he claimed he had deposited in a New York bank before departing the United States. Nagell was told Congen could not assist him.

It is further revealed that Nagell returned to Congen on June 5, 1968, was seriously incoherent, appeared psychotic and possibly dangerous. On this occasion Nagell claimed he had been interviewed by New Orleans District Attorney [redacted] on

RICHARD CASE NAGELL

May 14 - 16, 1968, in connection with "CIA and President Kennedy death." Nagell claimed Garrison told him he is in danger of being killed, therefore, wanted to "inform CIA he was in Zurich." Nagell also on his visit to Congen said the United States Government has previously withheld his passport from him.

By telegram dated June 12, 1968, the USDS advised the American Consulate, Zurich, to assist Nagell as appropriate and attempt to encourage him to return to the United States.

Nagell's file at the Office of Security, USDS, further reflects that subject's release was arranged by Attorney [ ] [ ] United States Mission, Berlin, Germany, who was aware of Nagell's injuries, apparent mental instability, and of his court record and who was asked to furnish same to the East German authorities.

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it and its contents are not to be  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (64-48933)

DATE: 3/4/69

FROM :

SAC, EL PASO (65-951) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

RICHARD CASE NAGELL, Aka.  
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OO: NY

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Re NY airtel to the Director, dated 2/14/69.

Enclosed for the New York Office are one copy  
each of the following reports:

Report of SA [redacted] at Los Angeles,  
dated 6/12/64

Report of SA ELDON D. RUDD, at Mexico, D.F.,  
dated 6/3/64 (RM)

Report of SA [redacted] at El Paso, dated  
7/24/64, in the case captioned, "RICHARD CASE  
NAGELL, Aka., ESPIONAGE - X."

Noted that the subject has never been known to  
reside in the El Paso area and the initial interests of the  
El Paso Office regarding the subject stem from the  
subject's attempted robbery of the State National Bank of  
El Paso on 6/20/63.

The letterhead memorandum of the New York Office  
dated 2/14/69, contains the statement of the subject's  
sister and brother-in-law, [redacted]

[redacted] New York, to the effect that  
the subject uses their residence address as his permanent  
address and receives mail at this address. They further  
stated that from time to time the subject takes up residence  
at this address and was staying with them as recently as  
the first part of February, 1969.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Baltimore (65-3323) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (65-7445) (Info) (RM)
- 2 - New York (65-23126) (Enc. 3) (RM)
- 1 - WFO (65-9158) (Info) (RM)
- 1 - El Paso

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RESEARCH SA [redacted]  
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In view of the fact that there is no investigation pending in the El Paso Office regarding the subject, the New York Office is being designated the office of origin in this matter.

Information copies are being furnished to Baltimore, Los Angeles and Washington Field in view of investigation conducted by those offices in this matter.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS  
BECAUSE HE FIRED HIS PISTOL IN AN ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY  
AND HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Records Branch

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☒ Subversive References Only  
☐ Nonsubversive References Only  
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- ☐ Restricted to Locality of \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Buildup ☐ Variations

Subject RICHARD NAGELL  
 Birthdate & Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Localities \_\_\_\_\_

R# \_\_\_\_\_ Date 4/8/69 Searcher Initials and  
 Prod. \_\_\_\_\_

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Subject RICHARD CASE NAGELL  
 Birthdate & Place 8-5-30 N.Y.C.  
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44-33629 (8-3-66) I

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (64-48933)

FROM : *JFM* SAC, NEW YORK (65-23126) (C)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CASE NAGELL aka  
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(OO:NY)

DATE: AUG - 5 1970

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and El Paso is one Xerox copy of a letter dated 7/20/70, and one Xerox copy of the envelope in which it was received by the NYO.

The NYO contemplates no investigation concerning this matter. No acknowledgement is being prepared by the NYO to NAGELL.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and El Paso Divisions.

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Richard C. Nagell

c/o [REDACTED]

Wilmington, Delaware 19803



Mr. John F. Malone  
Assistant Director In Charge  
201 East 69th Street  
New York, N.Y. 10021

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REGISTERED MAIL

20 July 1970

[redacted]  
Attorney At Law  
Room 608, Southwest National Bank Building  
Dallas, Texas 75201

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Reference is made to my letter of 21 November 1968 and your reply dated 13 December 1968. As you will recall, these communications pertained to the return of certain items that were used in evidence against me at the first and/or second trial on the merits, namely, a U.S. passport, a set of handcuffs with key, a military certificate and a .45 caliber revolver.

I am happy to say that the passport was returned to me subsequently by an agency of the government which had discovered it in its files. Unfortunately, the laminated, wallet-size military certificate is still missing; and my sister denies having received it from any source.

Concerning the .45 caliber revolver, it is the property of Mr. [redacted] an investigator for the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), who has executed the below certificate of ownership and request for its return.

In conjunction with your request for five dollars (\$5.00) to cover mailing charges, please find that amount enclosed herewith. I would appreciate it if you would send the handcuffs and handcuff key to [redacted] also. Thank you.

Very truly,

John F. Malone, ADIC, FBI, NYC

RICHARD C. NAGELL

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-E

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT I AM THE OWNER OF THE .45 CALIBER COLT REVOLVER ADDUCED TO IN THE ABOVE CORRESPONDENCE. I REQUEST THAT SUCH WEAPON, TOGETHER WITH MR. NAGELL'S HANDCUFFS AND HANDCUFF KEY, BE FORWARDED TO ME AT YOUR CONVENIENCE.

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DATE 5-9-81 BY SP-3 BZ/LW

[redacted]  
Senior Special Investigator  
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control  
320 North Main Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

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July 31, 1975

EX-106

Mr. Richard C. Nagell  
1141 Ninth Street  
Manhattan Beach, California 90266

Dear Mr. Nagell:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your  
letter dated July 21, 1975, with enclosure.

Please be advised that your correspondence  
is being made a matter of record in our files.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

1 - The Deputy Attorney General  
Attention: Susan M. Hauser

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REGISTERED MAIL

July 21, 1975

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Reference is made to the fourth paragraph of the enclosed xerox copy of a letter dated May 1, 1975, received from [redacted]

I have not authorized [redacted] or anybody else to file suit under the Freedom of Information Act or under any other Act or law to obtain any files related to me that may be in the possession of the FBI.

Sincerely,

*Richard C. Nagell*  
Richard C. Nagell

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*Law Offices*  
**FENSTERWALD AND OHLHAUSEN**

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747 THIRD AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017

May 1, 1975

Mr. Richard Nagell  
1141 Ninth St.  
Manhattan Beach, Calif. 90266

Dear Dick:

[ ] has probably written recently about developments in the Court of Claims, so I won't repeat on him.

Other matters.

Enclosed is an article upon which I would like your comments, in as much detail as you have time. Could the picture be of [ ]

Is it reasonable to assume that you have retrieved your tape from [ ]? Additionally, would it be reasonable to guess that the three of the four people are [ ]? Any chance of hearing a dub of the tape? Things are getting down to the wire here in Washington.

✓ Have you thought of the possibility of Freedom of Information suits under the new FOI Act for files with respect to you in possession of the FBI and CIA? If you sue and they don't produce, they have to explain why to a federal judge and, if he requires, show the file to him. It might help vis-a-vis the Court of Claims. It's another not-so-subtle form of pressure. Also might be very interesting. Give it some thought.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES [REDACTED] (RUC)

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD  
IS - R - CUBA  
OO: Dallas

DATE: 7/30/75

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Re reports of SA [REDACTED] at El Paso, dated 12/20/63 and 1/30/64, captioned as above; and reports of SA [REDACTED] at El Paso, dated 2/4/64 and 6/9/64 in the case captioned "RICHARD CASE NAGELL, aka, ESPIONAGE - X, Bureau File 64-48933.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each, and for Dallas is one copy each of the following 16 communications:

Referenced report, dated 12/20/63.

Referenced report, dated 1/30/64.

Letter of [REDACTED] dated 6/20/67.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 6/30/67.

Letter of [REDACTED] dated 9/11/67.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 11/21/68.

Letter of [REDACTED] dated 11/23/68.

Letter of [REDACTED] dated 6/18/75.

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- ① - Bureau (Enc. 32) (RM)  
(1 - 64-48933) (RICHARD CASE NAGELL)
- 2 - Dallas (100-10461) (Enc. 16) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles  
(1 - 65-7445) (RICHARD CASE NAGELL)

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Letter of [redacted] dated 6/21/75.

Letter of [redacted] dated 6/23/75.

Letter of [redacted] dated 6/29/75.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 6/30/75.

Letter of [redacted] dated 7/5/75.

Letter of [redacted] dated 7/7/75.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 7/9/75.

Letter of RICHARD C. NAGELL, dated 7/16/75.

Enclosed 7/16/75 letter is addressed to the Assistant Director in Charge of the Los Angeles Office by RICHARD C. NAGELL. In the letter, NAGELL makes reference to the two referenced reports of the El Paso Office, dated 12/20/63 and 1/30/64 (enclosed) wherein NAGELL is mentioned and which apparently had been obtained from the FBI by Professor [redacted] Department of Philosophy, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, California.

In his 7/16/75 letter, NAGELL complained that he had "never authorized the FBI to release any information about me to any private individual or non-official organization."

In addition, NAGELL complained these two El Paso reports in question contained incorrect information about him. He closed his letter by stating "I trust that this will clear up any question concerning the matter that conceivably might be raised in the future".

The writer of instant letter, now assigned to the Los Angeles Office, prepared the El Paso reports in question and well remembers encounters with NAGELL in El Paso, Texas.

The synopsis of referenced report, dated 2/4/64, reads as follows:

Background: Subject entered U.S. Army 8/5/48 and honorably discharged as Captain 10/29/59. Received many campaign awards during Korean conflict. Sole survivor airplane crash 11/28/54, suffered facial disfigurement and given psychiatric examination. Subject claimed he was released from employment by State Beverage Department, Los Angeles, California, 6/8/62, having been accused of taking \$20,000 bribe. Subject refused furnish police details of his shooting by unidentified assailant on 7/16/62 and subsequently filed Civil Rights complaint against police. In September, 1962, subject advised U.S. Embassy, Mexico City, he had been approached for recruiting in Mexico City, refused to elaborate, did not desire to return to U.S., was "bitter, disgusted, disillusioned and disaffected." Said if he did go to some other country it would cost U.S. millions, was "through being a good citizen" and thought he had gotten a "dirty deal all around." Advised FBI in New York City on 11/16/62 he wanted to expose Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control in California. Advised FBI in Jacksonville, Florida on 12/15/62 he had been approached shortly before in Washington, D.C., by individual believed to be working for Soviets; contacted CIA in Virginia for instructions, was sent to Miami, Florida, by his Soviet contact and said he believed he was actually working for Soviets. Subject's condition diagnosed at Veterans Administration Hospital, Bay Pines, Florida, in January, 1963, as "chronic brain syndrome associated with brain trauma with behavioral reaction characterized by passive, aggressive and paranoid features." Asked FBI in Miami on 1/24/63 if his Cuban or Russian sources gave him a pistol and microfilm would he be permitted to return same to his contact so he could be of further use to U.S. Government. Claimed to be constantly under surveillance. Advised FBI in Los Angeles on 4/19/63 he had taken former wife to court on same date for failure to comply with court order giving subject visitation rights with children. Subject's condition diagnosed by Veterans Administration, Los Angeles, on 6/4/63 as "depression, tearful, nervous, rigid. Would only utter words 'Got to see my kids'."



[REDACTED]

Attempted Bank Robbery: Subject arrested 9/20/63 in El Paso, Texas, on charge of attempting to rob State National Bank, El Paso, same date in violation Section 2113, Title 18, U.S. Code. Slashed wrist night of 9/20/63, felt he needed psychiatric treatment, highly emotional when interviewed, given to spells of crying, stated unable to get on feet since discharge from U.S. Army. Cell mate said subject apparently became member Communist Party during confused period after discharge, decided everything was against him in Los Angeles and made arrangements with Communist Party in Los Angeles.. to pick up visa and passport from contact in El Paso and eventually end up in Czechoslovakia. Subject reportedly attempted suicide three times enroute to El Paso but lost nerve. Advised FBI in El Paso on 1/6/64 he was instructed by agent of foreign government in September, 1963, to comply with agreement made in May, 1963, to participate in criminal offense against United States or be exposed to FBI, which caused subject to act as he did on 9/20/63. Subject ordered sent to Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, on 1/24/64, by U.S. District Court, El Paso, for 30-day period to undergo psychiatric examination.

Alleged Connection with LEE HARVEY OSWALD: Subsequent to President's assassination, subject claimed acquaintance with OSWALD and wife. On 1/18/64, [REDACTED] disclaimed any knowledge of subject.

Description and Identification: [REDACTED]

Record: Set out. SUBJECT HAS ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

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Referenced report dated 6/7/64 contains information obtained from his military record, beginning on page 49. Information is set out therein regarding his health status.

In view of the information set out above, it would seem that NAGELL's appearance before the Church Committee, as suggested in the [REDACTED] letter, dated 6/18/75, could prove to be embarrassing for that Committee.

No further action is being taken in this matter by the Los Angeles Office.

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

January 20, 1967

Mr. Richard C. Nagell  
Register No. 83286-L  
P. O. Box 1000  
Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

Dear Mr. Nagell:

Permit me to acknowledge and thank you for  
your letter and the information it contains.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

*John Warner*

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individual representative of any foreign government.

In the summer of 1962 I received instructions to locate H. Tam against that would make him the indispensable link in the conspiracy, and thereafter report the United States, finally. Although I did neither, I did, in response to obtaining a second passport and prior to my arrest, dispatch a letter via registered mail to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, expressing my sufficient belief in the aforesaid conspiracy and the identity and whereabouts of H. Tam.

At the time at Dallas, when I became convinced the F.B.I. was more concerned with keeping me in custody (and with cleaning up dirty lines) than it was in resolving facts which would have shed light on the assassination, I turned up completely. Later, however, when I felt I was going to be imprisoned into either a prison or a mental institution, I made every possible effort under the existing circumstances to testify before the Warren Commission. I was sent letters to the not, Secret Service, prison and Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, then I was counsel on the commission.

For what little it is apparently worth now, my opinion is that the death of President Kennedy was directly, if not directly, resultant from a conspiracy and also due in great part to the stupidity or negligence of the FBI, that Mr. Oswald definitely was the only assassin, and that his own murder was not attributable to any conspiracy of which I was a part.

Very truly,  
Robert B. Wright  
Director of FBI  
Dallas, Texas

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James Earl Ray

January 3, 1978

Dear Sir:

Re: [illegible]

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inspired nor was it instigated by any foreign government or organization or individual representative of any foreign government.

In the summer of 1963 I received instructions to initiate certain action against Mr. Oswald, who was the indispensable tool in the conspiracy, and thereafter depart the United States, legally. Although I did neither, I did, subsequent to obtaining a valid passport and prior to my arrest, dispatch a letter via registered mail, to the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, advising in sufficient detail of the aforesaid conspiracy and the identity of Mr. Oswald.

After the tragedy at Dallas, when I became convinced that the F.B.I. was more concerned with keeping me in custody (and with cleaning its dirty linen) than it was in resolving facts which would have shed light on the assassination, I clammed up completely. Later, however, when I felt I was going to be railroaded into either a prison or a mental institution, I made every reasonable effort under the existing circumstances to testify before the Warren Commission. I even sent letters to the Chief, Secret Service Division and Mr. J.L. Rankin, then General Counsel for the Commission.

For what little it is apparently worth now, my opinion is that the death of President Kennedy was indirectly, if not directly, resultant from a conspiracy and also due in great part to the stupidity or negligence of the F.B.I.; that Mr. Oswald definitely was the only assassin; and that his own demise was not attributable to any conspiracy of which I was cognizant.

Very truly,

3 /s/ RICHARD C. NACELL  
Register No. 23286-L

U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth,  
Kansas

Letter from Richard Case Nagell to Senator Richard Russell  
January 3, 1967..(did not xerox well)

Hon. Richard B. Russell  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

January 3, 1967

Dear Senator Russell:

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Reference is made to the enclosed clipping which is, I believe, self-explanatory. In regard thereto I would urge rather than attempting to learn more about Mr. Oswald's stay in the U.S.S.R. and his "dealings with a pro-Castro committee", that any future inquiry be directed along more productive lines. Further, I suggest that any field investigation deemed necessary be conducted by an agency that has no private axe to grind.

Mr. Oswald and his activities came under my scrutiny during 1962 and 1963. My inquiries, coupled with data furnished me by reliable sources, ascertained the following:

Mr. Oswald had no significant connection with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee. He had no significant contact or relationship with so-called pro-Castro elements, though he was led to believe he had such. He maintained no significant association with any Marxist-oriented group or movement. He was not affiliated with a racist group or movement. He was not an agent or informant, in the generally accepted sense of the words, for any investigative, police, or intelligence agency, domestic or foreign. He was involved in a conspiracy to murder the former Chief Executive during the latter part of September 1963. This conspiracy was neither Communist

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FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley says there was no conspiracy involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the Boston Sunday Herald Advertiser reported. "I think it's solved now. And I don't know of any connection with any conspiracy," Kelley said in an interview. "We feel we have determined who assassinated the President and we feel that this will be borne out by the review of our investigation." The Senate Intelligence Committee was scheduled to issue a report this week on the Kennedy assassination and it was expected to recommend reopening the Warren Commission investigation.

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Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20535

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Dear Mr. Kelley:

A recent news item appearing in the Los Angeles Times (you as stating that there was no conspiracy involved in the sination of President John F. Kennedy and that such determin will be borne out by a review of the Bureau's investigation.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of my 3 January 1967 letter to U. S. Senator Richard B. Russell, the substance of which obviously is in conflict with the statement attributed to you.

Before you make further public comment on the Bureau's investigative prowess in this matter, I suggest that you personally review the sworn statement that I gave to FBI Special Agents [redacted] and Edward J. Murphy on 6 January 1964 at El Paso, Texas.

Sincerely,

*Richard C. Nagell*  
Richard C. Nagell

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Richard C. Nagell  
Post Office Box 3673  
E3s Angeles, CA 90028

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. CALLAHAN

DATE: 6/9/75

FROM : J. B. ADAMS *JBA*

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

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On 6/6/75 Mr. John J. Buckley, Jr., Special Assistant to the Attorney General, called to advise that he had received a telephone call from an individual identifying himself as [redacted] a professor at Washington University in St. Louis. [redacted] indicated he had been approached by an ex-CIA agent whose true name is Richard C. Nagell and who has used aliases of Joseph Kramer and Robert Nolan. Nagell claimed he had written a letter to Mr. Hoover in September, 1963, warning that Oswald was going to kill Kennedy. Nagell did not use Oswald's name in the communication but used some other name as an alias. Nagell claimed he received no reply from the FBI and after the assassination wrote a letter to the Warren Commission explaining the failure of the FBI to act on his warning.

Mr. Buckley advised that [redacted] had contacted the Attorney General's office regarding this matter rather than the FBI because he had gone to Senator Baker with this story and Senator Baker told him not to go to the FBI because they would destroy the letter. [redacted] advised Mr. Buckley that he had checked the Warren report and saw a reference to the claim by Nagell.

Mr. Buckley advised the Attorney General of this call and he instructed him to refer the matter to me. Mr. Buckley is not acquainted with [redacted] and is not in a position to evaluate his reliability, although he did say he was going to see [redacted]

## ACTION:

Files should be promptly reviewed concerning this matter and the results made available to the Attorney General by memorandum.

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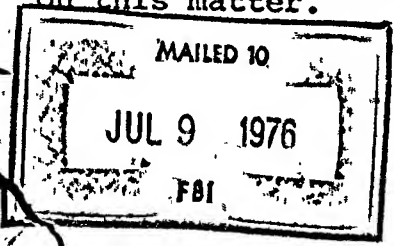
Mr. Richard C. Nagell - ENC. 3.  
Post Office Box 3673  
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Dear Mr. Nagell:

In reply to your letter of June 28th, with enclosures, I would like to assure you that the FBI conducted a thorough investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy and we furnished numerous reports to the Warren Commission. That Commission, after careful study of these reports and information from other agencies and sources, arrived at the conclusion that Lee Harvey-Oswald acted alone in committing this heinous crime.

I appreciated receiving your views and observations on this matter.



Sincerely yours,  
G. M. Kelley

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Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

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NOTE: Bufile 64-48933 reflects that correspondent was arrested on 9/20/63 in El Paso, Texas, and charged with attempting to rob the State National Bank of El Paso on that date. He furnished signed statement to Bu Agents on 1/6/64, advising that he was instructed by an agent of a foreign government in 9/63 to comply with an agreement made in 5/63 to participate in a criminal offense against the United States or be exposed to the FBI as being an agent of this foreign government. He claimed this forced him to act as he did on 9/20/63. Nagell has previously claimed to have had a connection with Lee Harvey Oswald and to have been acquainted with Oswald's wife, [redacted] but no evidence has ever been developed to substantiate this allegation. Nagell was examined at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Bay Pines, Florida, in 1/63 and his condition was diagnosed as "chronic brain syndrome associated with brain trauma with behavioral reaction characterized by passive, aggressive and paranoid features."

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(U) Enclosed for the Bureau is a 4" x 9" brown envelope, addressed to [redacted] at the New York Office, postmarked in Washington, D.C. on 5/6/70. The envelope contains the return address of [redacted] at the United Nations Secretariat, New York, New York. (C)

The envelope contained the enclosed 8 1/2" x 11" reproduction which reads:

(U) "I would not murder for the Soviets  
By Richard O. Nagell, as told to U.S.  
Senator Richard B. Russell, Ex-Captain Nagell, agent of the Red KGB, discloses the exact circumstances surrounding the instructions he received to dispose of Lee Harvey Oswald in September 1963." (C)

(U) RICHARD O. NAGELL is undoubtedly identical with the case entitled "RICHARD CASE NAGELL aka; Espionage-X" (Bufile 64-48933). (C)

(U) The NYO has no plausible explanation as to why the reproduction was mailed to the NYO or the use of TIKHOMIROV's name and address as the sender. (C)

(U) The NYO notes that the text on the insert was prepared on a different typewriter than the envelope. The neatness and exactitude of the addresses plus the (C)

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(U) fact  given name is spelled as written by the Bureau as opposed to United Nations public source material, is also noted. ~~(C)~~

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(U) Also enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of a letter prepared by RICHARD C. NAGELL on 11/29/68. ~~(X) (M) (C)~~

REQUEST OF BUREAU

(U) The FBI Laboratory is requested to determine if the type on the envelope and/or the reproduction is identical with the type on NAGELL's letter of 11/29/68. If identical, the enclosures may be destroyed. ~~(C)~~

(U) If not identical, it is requested that the type on the envelope and reproduction be compared with samples obtained from Soviet establishments maintained in the National Security file. If identical type is located, the material should be filed in the National Security file. ~~(C)~~

(U) The Bureau is requested to advise if other field offices have reported receipt of similar reproductions regarding NAGELL. ~~(C)~~

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